

## SERVICE BOARD STARTS INQUIRY INTO LIGHTING

Every Electric Company in  
the City to Go Under the  
Probe.

MR. MALTBIE IN CHARGE.

Edison Concern Consents to  
Give "Breakdown" Service  
to Private Plants.

The Public Service Commission today passed a resolution providing for a comprehensive investigation of the electric lighting and power companies operating within the jurisdiction of the commission.

Commissioner Maltbie was designated to conduct the investigation, which may be of far-reaching consequences. It was under the provisions of just such a resolution that the investigation of the Interborough-Metropolitan and B. R. T. systems has been conducted.

A communication was received from the New York Edison Company, announcing that it had voluntarily decided to make a schedule of charges for "breakdown" or emergency service.

Concession by Company.  
The company has heretofore refused to give this "breakdown" service, and that has caused much complaint. A "breakdown" service is required by private plants when there is a break of machinery which cuts them out of light or power, and the Edison and other companies have declined to run in wires to supply current under these circumstances.

The company points out that while it voluntarily makes this concession now to consumers under these circumstances it maintains still that it is proper for the company to charge more than just for the actual amount of current furnished because it is really a charge for insurance. It holds that it is proper for it to make a charge for the maintenance of its own plant, ready on the instant to give service to private plants which break down.

The resolution adopted is sweeping in character, covering all plants furnishing light, heat or power transmitted in, over, or under the public streets of the city.

Seventeen companies are named in

the resolution, but all other companies are included.

**Companies to Be Probed.**  
These are companies named in the resolution providing for the inquiry: New York Edison Company, Brush Electric Illuminating Company, Fleischauer Electric Light and Power Company, United Electric Light and Power Company, West Side Electric Company, Longacre Electric Light and Power Company, Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Kings County Electric Light and Power Company, Amsterdam Light, Heat and Power Company, Flatbush Gas Company, Westchester Lighting Company, Bronx Gas and Electric Company, New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company, Queens Borough Gas and Electric Company, Richmond Light and Railroad Company, Consolidated Telephone and Electrical Subway Company and the Empire City Subway Company, Limited.

**Power of the Commission.**  
Lawyer Abel E. Blackmar in transmitting the form of the resolution to the Commission advised as follows: "You will notice that the resolution does not involve an inquiry into the organization and capitalization of the companies or into the cost of electricity, and the distribution of electricity. The reason why I have omitted these subjects of inquiry is that I have serious doubts as to whether the law justifies an inquiry into these subjects upon an investigation made on the motion of the Commission."  
"The Commission has no power under the act, I believe, to make an order fixing the maximum price of electricity after a hearing made upon its own motion, but can proceed only upon a complaint filed as provided in Section 7. As these elements of inquiry which are omitted are pertinent only to the question of fixing the proper price an inquiry into them cannot be made on the motion of the Commission unless other provisions of the act expressly authorize it."

### SHARKEY CLUB'S FIGHT ON INSPECTOR WALSH FAILS.

Charge of Oppression Dismissed by  
Court on Motion of Assistant  
District Attorney.

Assistant District Attorney Smyth appeared in the Court of Special Sessions today and moved the dismissal of a complaint of oppression against Inspector Walsh, of the Police Department, which grew out of a raid on the Sharkey Athletic Club while a set of bouts was in progress on the night of Oct. 11. The motion was granted.

The oppression charge was made on the day following the raid. Inspector Walsh was arraigned in a police court and held for trial in Special Sessions and the case was called today.  
"In moving for the dismissal of this complaint," said Mr. Smyth, "I desire to say that the District Attorney is unwilling to give any further confidence to an attempt to harass the police in their efforts to prevent crime in this community by bringing to trial before this court a case in which there does not exist even prima facie evidence of the crime charged."

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## MILLIONAIRE'S SON GETS OUT OF JAIL

Allan H. Pirie, Accused by  
Wife, Has Order of Arrest  
Against Him Vacated.

MINEOLA, L. I., Jan. 18.—Allan H. Pirie, son of a millionaire dry goods merchant of Chicago who was arrested on Dec. 29 last on the complaint of his wife, Hazel B. Pirie, and who had since been in the county jail here, has been released on an order granted by Judge Vernon M. Davis in Special Term of the Supreme Court, New York, who vacated the order of arrest made by Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum on an affidavit by Mrs. Pirie.

Pirie was arrested by Sheriff Gladders at the home of his father at Sea Cliff, L. I., in swearing out the warrant Mrs. Pirie made a charge of desertion against her husband, and alleged that she feared he would leave the jurisdiction of the New York courts before she could bring an action for a separation.

Mrs. Pirie alleges that her husband deserted her on April 18, 1907, at their home in Evanston, Ill. They have one child, Hazelene, four years of age. Mrs. Pirie claimed that her husband receives a salary of \$100 a month from his father and that he receives money from the same source that enables him to maintain an automobile, keep horses and belong to several fashionable clubs. She charged that she had been subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment, which made it unsafe for her to live with her husband. In addition, she cited several instances when, she alleged, she was driven from her home by her husband.

### SMALL BOY KIDNAPPED NEAR MOTHER'S HOME.

Mrs. Sophia Freeman, twenty-four, of No. 554 West One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, reported to the police of the One Hundred and Fifty-second street station, yesterday, that her four-year-old son, Walter, had been kidnapped.

The mother left the boy outside a store on Broadway, not far from her house, yesterday afternoon. When she came out he was missing. A newsboy told her that a man had taken the child into a nearby subway station. Mrs. Freeman is separated from her husband and he pays her a weekly allowance. The police think that he took the child, but Mrs. Freeman says that her husband does not correspond to the description of the man given by the newsboy.

## SAYS KIRKMAN WAS WITH WOMAN IN RED

Letter Writer in Amsterdam  
Advises Harrison Police to  
Hold Witness.

Interest in the Lamp Black pond Christmas murder mystery was revived today through the receipt by Chief of Police Corbitt, of Newark, of a letter from William T. Brown, of Amsterdam, N. Y., advising that Frederick Kirkman, one of the men under arrest in the case be held.

Kirkman and Frederick Thompson were living on the boat, Idle Hour, which is drawn up on the banks of the Passaic River a short distance from the place where Mrs. Lena Whitmore was killed. The police believed that they were concerned in the crime, until the body was identified by The World and Theodore Whitmore, the husband of the dead woman, was arrested and charged with murder. Since then Kirkman and Thompson have been held under \$5,000 bail on general principles.

The writer of the letter says that he was in Harrison, N. J., on Christmas night and saw a man he is positive was Kirkman walking with a woman in red down First street in the direction of the swamp where the crime was committed. The writer of the letter says he recognized Kirkman from a newspaper picture.

Chief Corbitt sent the letter to Chief of Police Rogers, of Harrison. Whitmore, the accused, at one time lived in Troy and Schenectady and has many friends and relatives in the vicinity of Amsterdam.

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